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Realizing Our Ideals

BY NONA L. BROOKS

EVERY member of the human family has ideals toward which he is working. Some hope for freedom from limitations, others desire power or influence. Between these two there is a slight difference. Power is the ability to do and to attain. Influence is the sunshine of true inner living that gets to the heart of many and impels them to live for higher and better ends. Health and wealth are longings of the human heart included in our ideals. These longings are the sign of the Spirit within asking for the highest and best. Only with such is it satisfied.

The Truth that lies back of what we call human longings is that the Spirit has endowed us with ability to discern, to know, to realize, the "manner of Spirit" we are. Our longings signify a desire to realize abundance in daily experiences. The endeavor of man to realize his ideals is commendable. For our ideals point us to the stars. Ideals are the signals of the Divine Urge working within us.

The seeking of wealth in the last analysis, is only man's recognition of his right to be supplied. As children of God we inherit all things in the Real. Men can not rest in poverty, sickness, lack, darkness. The urge within is impelling us to push forward toward the realization of the great Truth of Omnipresent Good. Let us lift our thinking quietly, powerfully, truthfully, with integrity of purpose. As we grow in recognition of an Omnipresent Divine Activity we see the Good everywhere in spite of appearance.

How are we working out the process of attainment? There is a Right Way and there are wrong ways. Hence it is our responsibility to choose the way of integrity—the one in which we work toward our ideal with harmony and power—toward the ideal of the highest and best.

The aspiration after supply is man's recognition that rightfully he is a partaker in the kingdom of abundance. The necessities for daily living are ours. Seeming lack is ours, because we limit ourselves. We must not, however, place supply above other things of greater value. Aspiring means reaching up for the higher things in which the kingdom of heaven abounds, and having faith that the lesser things shall be added. But the emphasis does not fall upon the daily necessities.

How are we striving to attain? Some men are trying to rise by oppressing others. We read of

robberies and wonder what the world is coming to. But these bold robberies are isolated cases of crime. What about those who are taking what belongs to others in subtler ways? They are grinding the wage of their employees to the lowest figure and taking the larger profit. All of the profiteering that was carried on through the war, and since those days of confusion may be likened to robbery without mistake. Nations that oppress smaller nations are guilty of the same wrong. Highway robbery is not the only means of taking what belongs to others. Those means which are employed more quietly are doing a more persistent harm, for these are carried on under the guise of legitimate business. There is as much error in seeking wealth in one illegitimate way as in another. He who must cover his ways is wrong.

Spirit is the foundation for wealth, power, health, supply of all kinds. The prophet of old spoke well when he said, "The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and there is no sorrow with it." The Good is blessing all activities that exist for the uplift of men. These are built upon an eternal foundation—the idea that our wealth and our health are the gifts of One Power, the Living God.

Where do the ideals of man come from? Are these children of their own brains? No, ideals are the signs of God's High Intent for His children. Back of the visible—back of man—are wisdom, knowledge, understanding, the treasures of the Infinite Store House. These are his as he recognizes them. The natural scientist is finding one purpose co-operating through the entire universe. One Mind back of all—the law and order of Intelligence. This One Mind Universal is sharing Itself with humanity. Each man is a partaker of infinite Intelligence and of Its riches. This is the statement of Divine Science.

Sherwood Eddy tells us that "love is a sharing of one's life," and God is Love sharing Infinite Life with us, His children. Where is the limitation? Not from the Godward side! No, it is from the child's side—he who sees only in part. The man who is depending on the outer, sees little of the infinite resources of the universe. He must look within and realize the mighty resource of Spirit.

Ideals are revelations of God to us. Richness, Goodness, Beauty, are manifestations of Infinite Abundance and Love. Our longing for these is the

revelation that the Spirit within man is reaching out for fulfillment in his life. Ideals are invitations to share God-Power. The optimism of God is too great for man to conceive while he is bounded by the limitations of the outer. Jesus saw the greater—the wholeness of life—the immediacy of the beauty and goodness of God.

The possibilities of life unfold in our consciousness as we grow. We begin to sense the meaning of our true longings as opportunities or invitations to share in the Truth of Being. If we look upon our desires in this way, we shall choose the right method of attaining. Let us pursue this way refusing to believe anything that anybody says to us, for we know the Infinite Presence.

Deny from your thought the bondage of the outer appearance. Lay hold of the inner reality. Make your life an affirmation of goodness, harmony, peace, power. The Universal Presence is never disturbed. Its harmony includes the world. No matter how the outer struggles, the inner is quiet and harmonious if it identifies with the Presence Universal.

If we think in the consciousness of the Presence we realize perfect health, and cannot be touched by any external. How shall we tell whether we are perfectly established or even whether we are touching the Presence? So long as there is the belief of colds, for example, we shall have them. Though in themselves not serious, there is a serious side, because they indicate a belief in lack of health. There can be no belief in disease, poverty, illness, lack of any kind, in fact, when one is in the consciousness of God's Presence. Life is all richness in the kingdom of the Real. Health is God-Consciousness.

Take our belief of lack of air as an illustration of partial vision. Air is limitless. It is all around us in abundance; and still we die for seeming lack of air. We die because we do not breathe deep enough. It would be impossible with double or triple breathing capacity to exhaust the limitless sea of air. And now we learn that this infinite ocean of air is alive. Everything is alive, even the air we breathe.

How shall we realize our ideals? Divine Idea unfolding in us, is giving us our ideal. First there must be a clearing away of the mists that cloud our vision. We clear the way by practicing the Presence in the daily life. Practice leads to realization. A clear vision is a real certainty of God.

Let us affirm only that which is true, and deny that which is unlike God-thought. The process should be carried on gently, steadfastly, persistently. Remember it is an inner one. As the mists which have obscured our vision become thinner and thinner, we find ourselves seeing more truly. When the vision is single, man finds himself face to face with God. All the mists of doubts and fears are gone. The practice of right thinking has done the work, and we know the Truth of Being.

The Spirit of God is so close, so immediate! It is the very Spirit—the Life of our being. It is the Eternal Reality of all of God's children, all humanity. Through unfoldment in Spirit we shall realize the great hope—the ideal of universal human salvation. Let us refuse to think the lesser thoughts of limitation, and know that All Inclusive Love is the Truth of life. The lifting of our thought reveals to us the Way of Realization.

Knowing Jesus Christ

Jesus' Denials of Himself.

I can of mine own self do nothing. (John 5:39.)

The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (John 5:19.)

When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. (John 8:28.)

I seek not mine own glory. (John 8:50.)

He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. (John 7:18.)

Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God. (Matt. 19:17.)

I receive not honor from men. (John 5:41.)

If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me.

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. (John 5:31.)

There is another that beareth witness of me: (Spirit, Christ); and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

Losing for Christ's sake is only gain. Man must

lose his false concepts of life to gain life. Deny thyself, and honor the Son, the Christ.

All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.

Denial of Outer Relationships.

Woman what have I to do with thee?

Jesus recognized but one Father, one Mother, the spiritual. He apparently denied his mother, but, he lifted her womanhood to the Divine Feminine.

Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? (Matt. 12:48.)

Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matt. 12:50.)

Call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (Matt. 23:9.)

We are to know God, the Father, as our origin. We are not to acknowledge the race origin, as the true Source. This denial of the human sense involves the regeneration of all the earth-ties, the daily crossing out, or overcoming of all the suggestions which come to us from without.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

ARRANGED BY LILLIAN MORTON DAVIS.

I BELIEVE IN THE ABOUNDING ABUNDANCE OF GOD. I DRAW
UPON THE INFINITE RICHES.—NONA L. BROOKS.

The Presence

BY ANGELA MORGAN.

Dawn: and a star; and the sea unfurled,
And a miracle hush hanging over the world;
And I standing lone by the edge of the sea
When lo, God came and spoke to me,
He spoke to me and I hid my face,
For a wide white glory illumed the place,
And I bowed me, trembling. "O, God," I cried,
"Is it here that Thy Presence Thou dost hide?"

Hast thou always dwelt 'mid the sea and sky
In the hush that quivers when day is nigh?
I have sought Thee long, but have sought in vain,
Through year of trial, through nights of pain;
And all the while Thou wert waiting far
In the wave, in the dawn, in the paling star!
Had I known, O God, of Thy dwelling place
I might long ago have seen Thy face!"

But God made answer, "Not in the star,
Or the dawn, or the wave, did I wait afar,
O child of mine—I was close to thee—
Thou wert always held in the arms of me.
But only now are thine eyes unsealed
And my ever-presence to thee revealed.
Go turn thee back to the world of men;
Thou shalt never search in vain again.

On the darkest days thou shalt see my light,
My eyes shall look from the eyes of night;
In the voices of children my voice shall ring,
My splendor shine in the humblest thing.
Thy daily task—it shall thrill with me
For I shall be near to commune with thee.
O child, this moment thy breath is mine—
Hush—listen! My pulse beats now with thine."

Dawn; and a star, and the sea unfurled,
And a miracle hush hanging over the world.

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Man's Inventions

BY D. D. TWITCHELL.

MANY of our days seem harder to live than others. We speak of dark days and bright days, pleasant days and unpleasant days, forgetting that all days are but divisions of the time which God has given us in which to enjoy life.

The son of David said, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions." The divisions of time are one of the inventions of man. In God's sight all time is good, as every thing is "good and acceptable in His sight;" and one day, therefore, is equally as good as another.

For convenience in living our lives, which depends on association with others, a systematic division of time must be employed; but we may remember that God makes no dark, unpleasant days, and if in any of them, man is not "upright," but is seemingly bowed under a weight of worry, fear, or misfortune that this condition is but an invention of man. We make some days seem gloomy by the thoughts which we send to them in advance. We say, or feel, that we dread a particular day because of some event which we expect will occur then, and when that day arrives it does seem hard to us. In other words we have experienced that which we expected.

Life will become easier and the dark days less frequent when we have learned to think of the succession of days as but part of the glorious whole of life. We can know that these days were given us by a God who gave us other gifts as well. Among these gifts we find Wisdom, Strength and Understanding sufficient to meet every need in every day.

Life will seem more glorious to us when we know that each day is but a part of God's Plan and that His Loving Protection is the same on one day as it is on another. Every morning we can begin a new day with the consciousness that the God-Power within is great enough to overcome any appearance of evil that may be without.

"Of All That God Has Given Me, I Can Lose Nothing"

BY MARGARET W. HOLLINGSWORTH.

The fundamental principle revealed from the study of all the natural sciences is the fact that there is one great power expressing itself in various ways; that no matter is made or destroyed; that all activity is a continuous cycle, and that every thing in the universe is here for a good purpose and is accomplishing that purpose if man does not in some way interfere.

The much abused little germ-life, of which so many are afraid, is doing wonderful work. One form is seemingly destroyed, only to reappear in another form, all due to germ activity. Water, clouds, snow crystals; the seed, the flower, the fruit, are expres-

sions of this activity and evidence of the handiwork of God.

All this correlates with the Divine Science basis,—One Spirit, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient. Since we are of Spirit, we can lose nothing that God has given us, but we must first work to realize all that He has given us,—Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Power, Life, Love, Law and Joy. To do this we must agree and unite with the Truth, then co-operate and finally declare or apply our gifts in all events, circumstances, conditions and environments, so as to fulfill the Law of Perfect expression each day. "So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

Excerpts from Phillips Brooks

If a thought comes and offers its service, question it like a man. "What can you do? Are you a worker? Can you sow, and dig and build? Are you a teacher? Can you show us better ways to live? Are you an artist? Can you clothe our lives with more of holiness and purity and love and God?" Ask these questions and let no thought enter your service that cannot answer them freely and well, and the mysticism of thought is gone, and the thinker is the most practical of men.

New thoughts entering the world come as settlers to take possession of a new country. The old primary patriarchal truths are doing their work in the centers of our being, but there is constant discovery of new tracts of territory in human life, where ground is to be broken. Life is developing the energies of thought, while thought is working out the richness that lies hidden in life.

Let us think there is some noble economy we do not understand that makes you and me just as necessary for our places here on earth as Paul and Moses were for theirs. Unless we learn to feel our lives essential we shall never live them well.

Until we come to a cordial feeling that every new discovery we make of a new attribute, a new grace, a new glory anywhere in God's nature, gives room for new joy and exultation in us who, as his children, have been called to share that nature, until with this feeling in our hearts we go daily to new study of the life of God, go to it for our daily joy and exultation, hoping, believing we shall find them there, until we thus claim our heritage, we are not heirs; until we cry Our Father, and feel our filial trust, the blessing of God's gracious fatherhood is never ours.

Understanding

By Members of The South Side Circle.

To be gifted with understanding is to have the power of distinguishing true living from false sense conceptions, and to adapt to our purpose these true principles of living.

We have understanding when we are in full agreement or harmony with all life and all of life's activities.
M. B. M.

Understanding is more than knowledge or discernment; it is wisdom. It is to *know* the Truth and live it. One might be a great reader and a pursuer after knowledge, but unless he has an *understanding* heart, it profiteth him nothing. M. W.

Understanding is faith in Life; by the power of understanding, we are able to demonstrate the Life that is perfect.

Understanding is the beginning of true freedom; it is the soul of practice; by it man unfolds the perfect Life. "With all thy getting, get understanding."
Mrs. K.

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people and that I may discern between good and evil." Understanding is the power by which man can grasp the real, letting the unreal go.

They that have not heard shall understand wisdom. Rom. 15:21.; (that is, the small voice in the heart of man that giveth him understanding and is the beginning of knowledge.)

"And unto them he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord is wisdom, (that is, realizing and appreciating God's truths) and to depart from evil is understanding" (which is living and practicing God's truths.) Job 28:2.
E. W. N.

An Inherent Law

Men did not see, or do not see, what Jones saw so much more clearly than any other reformer of his time; namely, that above all the laws men make with their political machines in their legislatures, there is a higher law, and that the Golden Rule is a rule of conduct deduced from that law. He saw that men, whether they knew it or not, liked it or not, or were conscious of it or not, had in all times been living, and must forever go on living, under the principle on which the Golden Rule is based. That is, Jones saw that this great law had always existed in the universe, just as the law of gravitation existed before Newton discovered it. It is inherent in the very constitution of things, as one of that body of laws which govern the universe and always act and re-act equally among men. And Jones felt that men should for their comfort, if for no higher motive, respect this law and get the best out of life by observing it; and that it should be the business of men through their governments to seek out this law and the rules that might scientifically be deduced from it.

Brand Whitlock, in *Forty Years Of It*.

The Open Plan

Are you looking too far to find

The love God has placed in your heart?

Are you struggling too hard to gain,

The strength you yourself may impart?

Is the sun not shining your way

Because in the shadows you lurk?

Does the world refuse to supply

What one should accomplish through work?

Opportunity, health, success,

Are a part of the open plan;

Wisdom, courage, happiness, love,

God created and gave to man!

Harriet Doan Prentiss, in *From Nature Forward*.

For Today

"Would you have your friend live a better life? Picture only that better life in your thoughts of him and never by word or look emphasize the opposite."

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IN GOD WE TRUST

The Keynote of the Satisfactory Life

BY MIRIAM MITCHELL.

SATISFACTION is the result of giving enough, not of having enough. Hence, satisfactory living consists in a sufficiency of doing. The keynote of this life is struck in the quality of that which we do. What kind of effort am I putting forth? This is the test of right living. Herein lies my sufficiency, if the fullness of my strength is permeating the effort of the hour.

In the kingdom of the real all activity is of God, and it is in this kingdom that effort counts for its intrinsic value. We who are not a part of the large affairs that seem to be the centralizing movements of the world, are prone to dissatisfaction in contemplation of the unimportant roles to which we seem to be assigned in the world drama. Herein lies the cause of a large number of the individual failures in life.

The new vision revealed in what we are wont to call the new religions has in it the remedial element. The fundamental of these phases of religious thinking is unity. In unity we have our being, God is all there really is. Hence, all activity is dignified, viewed as the expression of love universal. Our part, be it large or small, has a meaning in the scheme of life, for we are serving God in serving our fellow men and in giving our best in any form of action.

Quality, not quantity, is the determining factor in the satisfying life. The daily tasks are only opportunities for the putting into practice of the qualitative method. Try it and watch the true meaning of life unfold. Live to your best by the moments and the hours will be rich in compensation. Learn that true satisfaction is the result of how we give, not of how much we get, and a new light brighter than the sun will shine from your hearts to illumine with satisfaction the pathway of daily tasks. Our work will reveal our relation to God. Let us be workmen approved of the Father, for in His sight all true work is good. Spread the good news by the quality of the effort you make, and hear in your souls the clarion note. "Well Done," sounding the keynote of satisfactory living.

Sufficiency is of quality; the seemingly unim-

portant piece of work done with integrity,—that is with the purpose of wholeness,—becomes significant. It is not the size of what we have to do, but the bigness with which we do the work that determines our part in the universal plan. Sufficiency—wholeness—is the light of Truth shining through your work and mine. Look to the quality of your effort! Do not watch for the measure of your attainment. That is the expression of the quality of your effort, even if you can not see it.

Bring the glad tidings that God is your life by the way you live—by the degree of integrity expressed in your thinking and your expression. The messenger reveals the message in the truth of his saying and his doing. Think often of the meaning of the word—satisfaction—doing enough—sufficiently!

—From *The Denver Times*.

Love

Love is not an attribute of God, but love is God himself. It takes love to know love in its deepest meaning. Hence in just the measure that I know love in my life do I truly know God who is love.

I do not need to send my love toward some Being afar in the heaven. I do not even need to visualize God as a Being worthy of my love. All I need to do is to love Love for love is God. In other words let me enthrone love in my life; let me realize that love is the greatest thing in the world, and that my life can become the individualized expression of love in my home, my business, my community; let me see clearly that every form of selfish thinking, speaking, acting is unreal, abnormal and forever unsatisfying; let me resolve that greater than any love of my life for persons or things, will be my love for Love, impersonal and disinterested, and it will not be long before my love will bring into consciousness the knowledge of God I crave. No man ever knew God that did not know love and the degree of one's knowledge of God is measured by the fullness and completeness of the enthronement of Love in one's life.

To love God because it is a command is an impossibility. To love God through fear is cowardly. To love God in ignorance is an absurdity. We can only love God as we know Him to be Love. And only as I love do I truly know God.

John H. Randall, in *The Philosophy of Power*.

Announcement

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"The multiplication table fits them for business in the world; and the commandments fitted them for any world."

Healing Department

GOD IS WILLING THE HIGHEST GOOD IN ALL.

Since God is expressing Himself fully, He is revealing this good eternally.

Since I am one with my Source, this highest good is willed for me and is being revealed now and always.

My part is to keep my thought true; as I think, so are things to me. According to my thoughts my day is to me.

Since I am one with my Source, God, and God is the perfect Wisdom, I am one with Wisdom and it is manifesting here, now and always. This is my knowledge.

I am not affected by inharmony of any kind for inharmony has no part in God. God is my only Source, and I receive only from God.

I am rich in God's love. I can give love freely, and not be impoverished.

I am strong and powerful. God is my power, my strength.

I am endowed with the perfection of the Father. This is my health.

The pure in heart (thought) shall see God.

Read Lesson 5 in Truth and Health.

Gal. 5th Chapter.

Gal. 6; 5-10.

I John 4; 4-8.

I John 5:3.

Testimonials

A friend was distracted over the death of a dear one. When shown that that one was an individual expression of the Infinite Life, not owned by any member of the family, but a part of Life, and that the only change was that the loved one was eternally fulfilling the great Plan, the feeling of despair was lifted, and rest came.

Through realizing for a man who for years had experienced difficulty with his stomach, that he is now and always has been a place in the Infinite Life, and as such was being brought forth according to Life's perfect Law, he was relieved.

"What am I going to do," said a dear little lady, with whom I was taking luncheon. She had just returned to the table after seeing her husband off to the office. "There seems no way out of this 'mess' but the divorce courts. Things are so inharmonious. Everything he says and does gets on my nerves. What am I to do?"

"Center your attention not upon the negative, the thing which he does not do or that which he seems not to be, but upon that which he *is* in reality. When he leaves in the morning bless his going out, and bless his home coming in the evening. Bless his business deals, his associates. Look for the fine and splendid things in him. For he is God's own son, endowed with every quality of manhood. God made him and in Him he is compelle. Eliminate fault finding and criticism. Praise instead of blame." As we talked of the Power of God's Love, her look of despair changed to one of hope and we made a pact to work earnestly, faithfully and constructively, seeing only the *One*.

Not many weeks after she came to tell me how worth while everything was; that her husband was so tender, loving and considerate; that they were having their second honeymoon. And she added, "I see now it was all in my attitude; God is Good."

Each issue of the Weekly will have on this page explicit directions for treating and healing and from time to time testimonials will be given. There will also be carried a thought for the week to be used together by the practitioners of this department and those applying for help.

All correspondence will receive a personal reply. Be explicit in stating your case and know that all communications will be held in strictest confidence.

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Join the True Words Club and get the habit of right speaking.

Pledge: I recognize the power of the spoken word.

I will endeavor to speak only words of faith love, praise, joy, purity, health, prosperity, helpfulness, good cheer, and good will.

Therefore, I will exclude from my conversation all negative words. I will not speak of disease, lack or inharmony.

I will drop all words of condemnation, criticism, fault-finding, impurity, gossip, slander, anxiety.

I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. Ps. 17:3.

Where Faith prevails there life and love abound,
There Peace radiates our soul with heavenly bliss;

Where perfect trust in God's great wisdom its Te Deum sounds,

There Love divinest law with gracious blessings us surrounds.

There, here and now, for us God's Kingdom is.
—W. F. Plambeck.

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